

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

COMPLAINT AND MOTION TO INITIATE)	
INVESTIGATION OF CONCERNED CITIZENS OF)	
MARTIN COUNTY, INC., NORTHERN KENTUCKY)	ADMINISTRATIVE
WELFARE RIGHTS ASSOCIATION; AND)	CASE NO. 320
ELVIN DOTSON)	

O R D E R

The Public Service Commission (PSC) herein addresses the petition styled Complaint and Motion to Initiate Investigation which was filed on behalf of Concerned Citizens of Martin County, Inc.; Northern Kentucky Welfare Rights Association; and Elvin Dotson. The petition makes no allegations regarding any particular utility or failure to comply with KRS 278 or the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. It does allege that certain regulations promulgated by the Commission should be reviewed and that modifications be considered.

Among the concerns expressed by the petitioners is their contention that Commission regulations should be amended or supplemented, because the average Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) benefit for low income households has been substantially reduced and may be reduced again in the very near future.

The petitioners have requested that the Commission conduct an investigation of the adequacy of its regulations regarding winter disconnections, and consider adopting an emergency regulation with

provisions such as a winter moratorium on shut-offs and a percentage of income plan.

The Commission will not consider this petition as a formal complaint, but will treat it as a request for regulatory review, especially as to 807 KAR 5:008.

The Commission has carefully considered this petition and has referred the statements of the petitioners to its staff for further review. The Commission has a staff task force which is known as the Low Income Energy Assistance Study Group. It is charged with investigating the adequacy of current PSC regulations regarding winter hardship. The Commission has otherwise been active as evidenced by the recent adoption by emergency regulation of certain modifications to the winter hardship provisions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND STATED that:

1. Petitioners' Complaint and Motion be considered a request for discretionary regulatory review.
2. The request is referred to the Commission's Low Income Energy Assistance Study Group for its review.
3. This matter is assigned a case number for administrative purposes only, and a formal case and/or hearing shall not be instituted unless initiated on the Commission's own motion at a later date.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of December, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Demery
Chairman

Robert M. Davis
Vice Chairman

James W. Williams
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director